

<sup>1</sup>Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,<sup>2</sup>Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for this I make haste.<sup>3</sup>I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.<sup>4</sup>Knowest thou not this of old, since man was placed upon earth,<sup>5</sup>That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?<sup>6</sup>Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds;<sup>7</sup>Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?<sup>8</sup>He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.<sup>9</sup>The eye also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.<sup>10</sup>His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.<sup>11</sup>His bones are full of the sin of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.<sup>12</sup>Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue;<sup>13</sup>Though he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth:<sup>14</sup>Yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is the gall of asps within him.<sup>15</sup>He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.<sup>16</sup>He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him.<sup>17</sup>He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.<sup>18</sup>That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down: according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice

therein .<sup>19</sup> Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;<sup>20</sup> Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.<sup>21</sup> There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.<sup>22</sup> In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him.<sup>23</sup> When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.<sup>24</sup> He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.<sup>25</sup> It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors are upon him.<sup>26</sup> All darkness shall be hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.<sup>27</sup> The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.<sup>28</sup> The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.<sup>29</sup> This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.